

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a² --The invention relates to a coated, optically brightened printing paper and to a process for its production.--

Please insert at page 1, after line 5, the following subtitle:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a³ --A device for applying size suspensions, in addition to the known size press, is disclosed by DE-A-34 17 487, which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,848,268, where a paper web guided around a roll is treated on the front side with coating color and on the rear side with liquid media.--

Please insert at page 4, after line 4, the following subtitle:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and enter new claims 10-19, as follows:

a⁴ ~~5633~~ --10. (New) An optically brightened printing paper comprising
a base paper having opposed sides,
a first coating layer applied to at least one side of said base paper, said coating layer comprising a pigment, a binder, and color coating supplements, said coating layer having an outer side opposite from said base paper, and
an optical brightener arranged on said outer side of said coating layer, said optical brightener comprising a derivative of diaminostilbene disulfonic acid.--

--11. (New) An optically brightened paper as in claim 10 wherein said coating layer comprises at least one pre-coat and a top coat, said optical brightener being arranged on the top coat.--